

# Urban Forestry Council Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code Section 810, the UFC has developed these criteria for evaluating potential landmark trees in San Francisco. When evaluating or considering potential landmark trees, please consider the context of the tree within its site location. For example, a tree on PUC land may not have the same community importance that a street or park tree would. Use comment sections, as appropriate, to explain or support evaluation. Attach sheets if more space is needed.

Evaluator's name: Megan Sutherland

Date of evaluation: 04/25/11

Scientific name: Acacia melanoxylon

Common name: Blackwood Acacia

Street address: 2853 Vallejo St

Cross streets: Baker St and Broderick St

**Rarity**     Yes     Partially     No

**Rarity:**  Rare     Uncommon     Common     Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Attributes**     Yes     Partially     No

**Size:**  Large     Medium     Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:**  Yes     No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Distinguished form:**     Yes     No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Tree condition:**  Good  Poor  Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: Excellent maintenance by certified arborists. No outward signs of decay.

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**Historical**  Yes  Partially  No

**Historical Association:**  Yes  None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: The tree is next to a home designed by George Applegarth.

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**Profiled in a publication or other media:**  Yes  Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: Sotheby Magazine article.

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**Environmental**  Yes  Partially  No

**Prominent landscape feature:**  Yes  No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: A very large and healthy specimen part of a landscape designed for attracting bird life.

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**Low tree density:**  Low  Moderate  High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Interdependent group of trees:**  Yes  No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way:**  Yes  No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**High traffic area:**  Yes  No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Important wildlife habitat:**  Yes  No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals. This tree is part of a landscape specifically designed to

attract, feed, and provide shelter for bird life.

**Erosion control:**  Yes  No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Wind or sound barrier:**  Yes  No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural**  Yes  Partially  No

**Neighborhood appreciation:**  Yes  None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural appreciation:**  Yes  None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Planting contributes to neighborhood character:**  Yes  No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: Only enjoyable from the backyard of the property and 2 adjacent neighbors.

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**Additional comments**

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